



PTO/SB/08a (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

See instructions for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

1

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/537,059
Filing Date	June 2, 2005
First Named Inventor	Ryuichi Suzuki
Art Unit	1751
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned

Attorney Docket Number 4605-051683

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	US-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
1	JP 2001-079567		03-27-2001	ERUBU KK		✓
2	JP 2002-338940		11-27-2002	SAKURA MEDICAL ICHI KK		✓
3	JP 2003-214266		07-30-2003	OKAZAKI MASAKE; TSUNEMATSU TOSHIAKI		✓
4	JP 2003-148708		05-21-2003	OGASAWARA SHUICHI		✓
5	JP 2004-018555		01-22-2004	KASAI KIHACHIRO; TAJIMA SHUNZO		✓
6	JP 2004-346765		12-09-2004	AOKI KAZUAKI		✓
7	JP 07-016560		01-20-1995	KOKUBU SHUNSAKU		✓
8	WO 02/081383		10-17-2002	TAKAKU KAZUO		✓

Examiner Signature	/Amina Khan/	Date Considered	03/31/2008
--------------------	--------------	-----------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3).⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible.⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments or the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

(W0328955.1)

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /AK/